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**LAS VEGAS COUPLE SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON
AFTER MARIJUANA DISCOVERED INSIDE THEIR R.V.**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 58-year-old Samuel William Sefren and 64-year-old Janeen Avis Sefren were sentenced to 60 months and 30 months in federal prison, respectively, for possessing 477 pounds of marijuana with intent to distribute.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Robert Junell in Midland, Texas, late yesterday afternoon ordered the Las Vegas, Nevada, couple to serve four years of supervised release after completing their prison terms.

On December 28, 2005, a DPS trooper stopped a recreational vehicle occupied by the Sefrens on Interstate 20 because of a traffic violation. Subsequently, the Sefrens agreed to allow a search of their vehicle, and officers found bundles of marijuana in the luggage compartment, underneath bench seats in the kitchen, under the bedroom mattress, and in a large cooler.

The Sefrens each entered a guilty plea on March 24, 2006. They have remained in custody since their roadside arrest.

The case was investigated by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Assistant United States Attorney Jeff Parras prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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